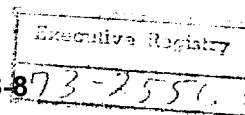


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SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

THRU: Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

TO:
Deputy, Special Assistant for Vietnam Affairs
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

1. It gives me great pleasure to express my appreciation for the outstanding support that you provided the Department of Defense Prisoner of War Intelligence Task Force.
2. Since its establishment in December 1971 by Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, USN, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Task Force has proven to be a highly successful vehicle through which policy relating to prisoners of war was established and inter-Agency/Service coordination was achieved. The accomplishments of the Task Force contributed, in large part, to a very effective Operation Homecoming. As you are well aware, the President and the Secretary of Defense, among many others, have applauded the outstanding success of the Operation and the overall Department of Defense program in support of our missing and captured personnel. As President Nixon stated, Operation Homecoming was effected with such professionalism that it stands as one of the Defense Department's greatest achievements.
3. Naturally, much of the success for any large scale program must ultimately be attributed to the numerous personnel who worked tirelessly on the many details required for success. Your contributions to the Task Force were significant and noteworthy. Through your unstinting professionalism, dedication and initiative, the Task Force was better able to achieve its objectives, thereby ensuring the success of the entire United States effort in support of our prisoners of war and missing-in-action.
4. Again, please accept my sincere appreciation for an outstanding performance. I wish you continued success in your career.

DONALD B. WHITMIRE

Rear Admiral, USN

Chairman, Prisoner of War

Intelligence Task Force